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the memory : one of the notes in a assembled from his diaries, ~, and : MEMENTO, REMINDER 2 a (1) : a writing of some transaction or an instrument : an instrument drawn up in form (2) : the clause beginning a t of King's Bench in proceedings of OF ASSOCIATION (4) : the body of clause in a marine insurance policy ally or partially from liability for loss : a statement by the shipper of the with the privilege of return if not sold y trade (2) : the third or duplicate 3 a : an informal diplomatic com- ten statement from a department of ign affairs to an embassy or legation nmissions or inquiries and never u. brief informal communication office circulation on paper headed u countless memoranda for giving g essential information—Milton lication by an authorized military directive, advisory, or informative

/-ING/-S : to make a memorandum of r memorandum opinion n 1 : a or a judge announcing the result of ended discussion of the principles th the citation of precedents—com- 2 : an opinion of the Tax Court of d not to be published but that is nt 3 : an opinion of a court or a clusions reached on the issues of fact rections as to the matters to be set nt, or decree to be entered 4 : an judge setting forth the conclusions ind of law and containing the actual e of the court or judge ation Eng law : a document re- lation in the U. S. which in case of a gally must be executed and filed to mpany d-iv, 'mem(ə)rəd-\\ adj [ME memora- ratiivus, fr. L memoratus (past part. + -ivus -ive -more at MEMORABLE) rive 2 : relating to the memory rience... estimative and ~ powers

-mór-\\ adj [ME, fr. L memorialis, -s-al -more at MEMORY] 1 : serving : COMMEMORATIVE (a ~ building) (a f an artist's work) 2 : of or relating used by, or done from memory (the y shorthand or ~ method—C.A. ... is a ~ reconstruction—Leo nation of a manuscript) 3, fr. LL memoriale, fr. L, neut. of MEMORY, REMEMBRANCE, RECOLLEC- tion that serves to preserve memory or al or event : RELIC, TRACE (the form emotion bears no ~ of any external oked it—Clive Bell) (a ~ of those thick oak door with its square hole bones remain... as ~s of a noble (2) : something that is kept to a person or event : KEEPSAKE, ME- stick, umbrella and best black hat—Rex Ingamells) (revive the liking ad—Joan Evans) (3) : something or preserve the memory of a person ~ to his father... was published this ~ to a former slave is a reward- ichisgall) (Walker Memorial is the Guide to Mass. Inst. of Tech.) (the garded as a ~ rather than an inter- state's history is well recorded in 17) b : COMMEMORATION 2 3 a : REC- the ~ that accompanied the map b : MEMORANDUM, NOTE (present a -Times Lit. Supp.) : specif : a legal it of facts addressed to a government n accompanied with a petition or ~ to Congress—Joseph Dorfman) : resented to a nongovernmental body e Permanent Court of International e set forth including facts, law, and

NG/-S : MEMORIALIZE PHAL ARCH (d 1 : May 30 formerly observed as ates of the U. S. in commemoration ed also Decoration Day 2 : the last 1 as a legal holiday in most states TE MEMORIAL DAY 4 : any of sev- public commemoration of war dead -s 1 : a person who writes or signs ot entitled to be heard—T.E. May) als or memoirs (France's amplest) : specif : one who writes a com- cs of the work rather than ~s of the

-sólá'zāshon, -lī'z-\\ n -s : the act or ing or the state of being memorial- ir future ~—J.F. Dobie) z\\ vt -ED/-ING/-S 1 : to address or present a memorial to (~ the gover- the several states—E.M. Carroll) torialized by an avenue bearing his ~ me-mo-ri-al-iz-er \\-z(ə)r(ə) n -s idv : by memory : as a memorial cap both Ms : a Roman Catholic pecif. appointed days of the year for on's soul RERY ous prostrate or trailing evergreen of eastern Asia with large fragrant of few to many

mem-o-ry \\mem(ə)rē, -rī\\ n -es [ME *memorie*, fr. MF *memorie*, *memoire*, fr. L *memoria*, fr. *memor* mindful + *-ia* -y; akin to OE *gimtor* well-known, *memorian* to remember, MD *mimeren* to muse, brood, L *morā* delay, OIr *airmēt* prohibi- tion, Gk *mermēra* trouble, Skt *smarati* he remembers; basic meaning: to remember] 1 a *archaic* : a ceremony of com- memoration : a service for the dead b *obs* : a historical or biographical record c *obs* : MEMORIAL, MEMENTO 2 a (1) : the power or process of reproducing or recalling what has been learned and retained esp. through nonconscious associative mechanisms : conscious or unconscious evocation of things past (semantic reception is associated with great use of ~—Norbert Wiener) (seemed lost in thought or ~—E.A. McCourt) (in ~, one images or reproduces his whole state of mind on the remembered occasion—Richard Taylor) (2) : this power regarded as vested in an individual : an in- dividual's capacity for reproducing or recalling what has been learned and retained (has a good ~ for faces) (rely on the faulty ~ of a cross section of people—S.L. Payne) (his ~ annoyed him... it did not work willingly any more—Stuart Cloete) (3) : the process of reproducing or recalling what has been learned as manifested in some special way or as asso- ciated with some bodily process (visual ~) (muscular ~) b : persistent modification of structure or of behavior result- ing from an organism's activity or from its passively acquired experience c (1) : the totality of what has been learned and retained esp. as evidenced by recall and recognition (drew on his ~ to supply the needed names) (even birds and animals have an ancestral ~—Horizon) (2) : the function of mem- ory regarded as a compartment or chamber in which images, perceptions, or learning are stored (filling their ~ with a lumber of words—R.L. Stevenson) (the invisible storehouse in nothingness, called ~—Walter Sorell & Denver Lindley) (retain in their ~ the preceding movements—George Balan- chine) (a richly stored ~) 3 a (1) : commemorative remem- brance (a statue erected in ~ of the hero) (has been held in ~ in Ireland—Maxwell Nurnberg & Morris Rosenblum) (a local museum dedicated to the ~ of the celebrity—Amer. Guide Series: Maine) (2) : a person or thing held in com- memorative remembrance (his deeds are the country's proudest memories) b : the fact or condition of being remem- bered (~ of such upheavals goes back to remote antiquity) (persecutions which were of recent ~—K.S. Latourette) 4 a : a particular act of recalling something learned or ex- perience : the fact or a condition of recalling ~ REMEMBRANCE, RECOLLECTION, RECALL (woke with... complete ~ of where she had been—Pearl Buck) (have no ~ of that incident) (recited the poem from ~) b (1) : an image, impression, or other mental trace of someone or something known or ex- perience : the content of something remembered (my first ~ is one of being held up to a window—George Dangerfield) (the ~ of his voice as distinct in her mind as it ever had been in her ear—Glenway Wescott) (pleasant memories of an Italian summer) (the ~ of the captain's wife had not left him—Carson McCullers) (memories of the Japanese occupa- tion... created a heritage of ill will—R.H. Field) (have written down their ~... of one such occasion—F.I. Cobb) (made the town's isolation a ~—Amer. Guide Series: Texas) (the course is a ~ and a mark is no longer even a ghost—Norman Nathan) (the depression is only a bad ~) (2) : the total impression or generalized image of a person preserved in remembrance, history, or tradition : posthumous opinion (this ruler left behind him golden memories) (a prince of glorious ~) (3) : the character, personality, or achievements of a person as preserved in remembrance (the man whose ~ the Royal Irish Academy honors—Gearoid O'Sullivan) (his ~ recalled the most wonderful and exciting... adventures—R.H. Davis) (hates her ~ and all other women—Lucy M. Montgomery) c : the time within which past events can be or are remembered (within the ~ of living men) 5 : CON- CENTRATION 5 6 a : a component in an electronic computing machine (as a computer) in which information (as data or program instructions) may be inserted and stored and from which it may be extracted when wanted b : a device external to a computer for the insertion, storage, and extraction of in- formation 7 a : a capacity for showing effects recognized as the result of past treatment—used esp. of materials (the wire begins to turn in the other direction corresponding to the first twisting ~ the ~ of the recent short-term handling has been obliterated by that of the more remote but longer lasting and therefore more impressive one—Bernhard Gross) b : a ca- pacity for returning to a former condition (as after being stretched)—used esp. of a material (the ~ will cause the material to resume the shape it had when you purchased it—Road Mag.)

SYN REMEMBRANCE, RECOLLECTION, REMINISCENCE, MIND, SOUVENIR: MEMORY applies both to the faculty of remembering and to what is remembered, sometimes remembered dearly or cherished (a very good memory) (a memory training course) (it was the merest memory now, vague and a little sweet, like the remembrance of some exceptional spring day—John Galsworthy) REMEMBRANCE can be the same as MEMORY but more often refers to the act of remembering and usu. to a particular act of remembering esp. something pleasant or cherished in memory, or it may apply to the state of being re- membered (the only moments I've lived my life to the full and that live in remembrance unfaded—W.W. Gibson) (the vivid remembrance of an almost identical setting one evening—Henry Miller) (the remembrance of things past—Shak.) (the remembrance of the event always brought a pang of regret) RECOLLECTION is like REMEMBRANCE but carries a strong suggestion of more voluntary and sometimes effortful recalling to mind, and it may apply to the thing remembered in this way (they have a tendency to forget the facts of the present in their fond recollection of the past—S.M. Crothers) (you ask me to put down a few recollections of your father—W.E.H. Lecky) REMINISCENCE may refer to remembrance of something long past, esp. as remembered casually and accidentally; it is closely synonymous with RECOLLECTION in references to what is remembered (would use all the techniques of modern psy- chology in his analyses of the subconscious; the phenomena of involuntary reminiscence fascinate him—B.M. Woodbridge) (the author's own reminiscences of childhood and youth are a good deal less pretentious and more amusing than this model—Times Lit. Supp.) MIND in this sense commonly appears only in a few idiomatic phrases (to keep in mind) (out of sight, out of mind) SOUVENIR may still be used as a synonym of

mems pl of MEM

mem-sahib \\mem+,-\\ n [Hindi *mem-sāhib*, fr. E *mem* + Hindi *sāhib*—more at SAHIB] : a foreign woman of the white race and some social status living in India (growing up to be another nice infuriating superior English—H.E. Bates); esp : the wife of an English official or other white man of some social status in colonial India (found the white ~s more vio- lently intoxicated with... race poison than their men—Ed- mond Taylor) (this is a ~s book, recalling... the last years of that ascendancy in India—Times Lit. Supp.) (houses de- signed for British officials and their ~s—Christopher Rand)

men pl of MAN

men- or meno- comb form [NL, fr. Gk *mēn* month—more at MOON] : menstruation (menopause) (menacme)

me-nac-can-ite \\m'nakə,nit\\ n -s [irreg. fr. *Manacian*, Corn- wall, England + E -ite] : ILMENTITE —me-nac-can-it-ic \\-s;,-nid-ik\\ adj

men-ace \\menas also -nis\\ n -s [ME *manace*, *menasse*, fr. MF *manace*, *menace*, fr. L *minacia*, fr. *minac*, *minax* project- ing, threatening (fr. *minari* to project, threaten) + *-ia* -y —more at MOUNT] 1 a : a show of intention to inflict harm : a threatening gesture, statement, or act (~s of damnation—T.S. Eliot) (spitting angry ~s at her—Arnold Bennett) (would advance with simulated ~—Osbert Lancaster) (ex- ploding in ~s and threats of vengeance—George Meredith) b : threatening import, character, or aspect : THREAT (ominous silence of the woods held no ~ for her—Osbert Sitwell) (the ~ of the European war to American interests—C.B. Forcey) (the sky became leaden with vague ~—Adrian Bell) (with a hysterical cry of ~—C.G.D. Roberts) c : the condition of being threatened : a threatening atmosphere or situation (in the ~ and confusion of the... postwar period—Hans Weigel) : impending evil (a sense of ~, of unease, runs through their conversation—T.H. White b.1915) 2 a : some- one or something that represents a threat : DANGER (tubercu- losis and syphilis were major ~s—T.H. Fielding) (the intoxi- cated motorist is a ~ to life and limb—Wayne Hughes) (the ~s of air, such as tornado and whirlwind—Osbert Sitwell) b : a person whose actions or idiosyncrasies cause intense annoyance or discomfiture (that boy's a ~) (her friends were beginning to find her a ~—Guy McCrone)

2menace \\-\\ vb -ED/-ING/-S [ME *manacen*, *menacen*, fr. MF *manacer*, *menacer*, fr. *manace*, *menace*, n.] vt 1 a : to make a show of intention to harm : make a threatening gesture, state- ment, or act against (menaced him with immediate expulsion—G.B. Shaw) b : to threaten the infliction of : offer threat of (menacing the emperor's displeasure—S.T. Coleridge) (he menaced ruin—H.R. Trevor-Roper) 2 : to represent or pose a threat to : ENDANGER (the ferries were menaced by floating mines—P.W. Thompson) (mature bolts are menaced by the army worm—Amer. Guide Series: Ark.) ~ vi : to make a threatening gesture, statement, or act (the few snakes that ~ with their mouths open—C.H. Curran & Carl Kauffeld) SYN see THREATEN

menacing adj [fr. pres. part. of *menace*] : presenting, suggest- ing, or constituting a menace : THREATENING (unemployment reached ~ proportions—P.E. James) (his all-knowing and rather ~ smile—Louis Auchincloss) (the prospect of a third world war is so ~—John Strachey) (chamber was somber and almost ~—Dorothy Sayers) —men-ac-ing-ly adv

men-acme \\mən, ('mēn+\\ n (men- + acme) : the portion of a woman's life during which menstruation occurs

menad var of MAENAD

men-a-di-one \\mən'di,ōn\\ n -s [methyl + naphthoquinone + -dione] : a yellow crystalline compound C₁₁H₈O₂ that is usu. made by oxidation of beta-methylnaphthalene, that has the biological activity of natural vitamin K to which it is chemically related, and that is often administered in the form of a water-soluble white crystalline addition compound with sodium bisulfite; 2-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone—called also vitamin K₃

me-na-do-nese \\mən'də,nēz, -ēs\\ n, pl menadonese cap [Menado (Manado) residency in Celebes, Indonesia + E -nese (as in Japanese)] : an Indonesian native or inhabitant of Manado in northeastern Celebes

mé-nage \\('mā,nāzh, -nāzh\\ n -s [F *ménage*, fr. OF *mesnage* dwelling house, fr. (assumed) VL *mansionaticum*, fr. L *mansion*-, *mansio* habitation, dwelling—more at MANSION] 1 a : a domestic establishment : HOUSEHOLD (a respectable ~—F.A. Swinnerton) (an unstable ~—Harry Levin) (add one or two concubines to his ~—John Blotfeld) b : a place in which a person keeps house or that is managed like a house- hold : QUARTERS (lunch with the young men at their mess—as all communal ~s appear to be called in the East—Evelyn Waugh) (apartment, an eight-room ~ on the fourteenth floor—E.J. Kahn) (very formal, and very well kept, whereas I had expected to find myself in an entirely Bohemian ~—George Copeland) c : domestic management : HOUSEKEEPING (ac- commodates our democratic ~ to the taste of the richest and most extravagant plebeian among us—W.D. Howells) 2 a : a savings club organized in some Scottish and English communities so that each member pays in a set sum each week and the total sum is paid to a different member each week b dial Brit : the selling of goods (as cloth) on installments often by an itinerant vendor

ménage à trois \\mānāzhə-trwā\\ n [F, lit., household of three] : an arrangement in which three persons (as a married couple and the lover of one of the couple) share sexual relations esp. while they are living together (leaves a feeble young husband to become part of a Bohemian ménage à trois—Times Lit. Supp.) (a more or less harmonious ménage à trois—Edmund Wilson)

me-nag-er-ie \\m'naj(ə)rē, -ri also -azh-\\ n -s [F *ménagerie*, fr. MF *menagerie* management of a household or a farm, place where animals are tended, fr. *menage* household + -erie -ery] 1 a : a place where animals are kept and trained esp. for exhibition b : a collection of wild or foreign animals in cages or enclosures; esp : one kept for exhibition (as with a circus) c *obs* : AVIARY 2 : a varied group or collection of persons or things that are strange, odd, or startling or foreign to one's ex- perience (a wonderful ~ of royal hangers-on—V.S. Pritchett) me-nag-er-ist \\-rəst\\ n -s : the proprietor or manager of a menagerie

me-nal-on \\m'snā,ōn\\ n, pl me fr. neut. of *ménalos* monthly, fr. MOON] usu cap : a collection of I of the year in the Eastern O